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### Removing the Socks Contradicts the Sunnah and is in Imitation of the Rawafidh (Shee'ah)

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**Question:** What is the ruling on removing the socks each time one makes ablution in order to protect one's purification.

**Answer:** This contradicts the Sunnah and, in it, there is an imitation of the Rawafidh<sup>1</sup> who do not permit the socks to be wiped over. The Prophet (salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said to Al-Mughirah, when he wished to remove his [the Prophet's] leather socks for him, "Leave them, for I entered both (feet) into them while they were pure."<sup>2</sup> And then he wiped over them.



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<sup>1</sup> A term commonly used to refer to the Shi'ites.

<sup>2</sup> Reported by Al-Bukhari in the Book of Ablution, in the Chapter: If He Donned His Khuffs When He

Was in a State of Ritual Purity (206); and by Muslim in the Book of Purification, in the Chapter on Wiping Over the Leather Khuffs (274) (79).

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